(d) Steps taken by Delhi Police to improve the quality of investigation include introduction of refresher courses for investigating officers; use of scientific aids for investigation; supervision of investigation by senior officers; defence of the case in the court at trial stage; and initiation of departmental action against investigating officers found negligent in their duties.

Role of ISI in the anti-India activities in Nepal

4267. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-India activities caused upheaval in Nepal recently;

(b) the role of ISI in this havoc; and

(c) the action to make India-Nepal relations cordial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Nepalese media reports about remarks allegedly made against Nepal and its people by Indian Film actor Hrithik Roshan sparked off violence in which Indian nationals and persons of Indian origin were targetted.

(b) There are reliable indications that certain political parties, student leaders, journalists and anti-social elements, whose names have been linked with ISI, played an active role in fuelling the controversy. A local Media magnate, suspected of having links with ISI-backed underworld elements, also played a leading role in this regard.

(c) There are bilateral institutional mechanisms, such as the Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary level Talks, which have been evolved to specifically develop cooperation on security matters and to address these concerns. India-Nepal Foreign Secretary level talks were held on January 30 & 31, 2001 in which both sides agreed on the need to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future.